Erratum
Optimal Tree 3-Spanners in Directed Path Graphs
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Lemma 4.2, hence Theorem 4.4, is not correct. Here is a counter-example, for which we thank Bhawani Sankar Panda and Anita Das (Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, New Delhi, India).

Figure 1: A directed path graph which is not tree 3-spanner admissible

So, recognizing tree 3-spanner admissible directed path graphs in polynomial time still remains open.